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SUBJECT: SPECIAL PRC FLIGHTS TO US

REF: TOKYO 4112 (NOT SENT USUN NY OR PARIS)

1. LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 28, PRCLO CONTACTED NSC, AND

PRC UN MISSION CONTACTED USUN, REGARDING THREE CAAC

FLIGHTS: A TRIAL FLIGHT FROM TOKYO, REFUELING STOP IN

ANCHORAGE MARCH 30, THEN NEW YORK; A SECOND TRIAL FLIGHT

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NON-STOP PARIS TO NEW YORK APRIL 2; THESE LEADING TO A

SPECIAL FLIGHT APRIL 6 TO NEW YORK (ROUTE TO BE SPECIFIED LATER) TO BRING CHINESE DELEGATION TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. CHINESE REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR FLIGHTS, A PAN AM OR TWA NAVIGATOR TO BOARD FLIGHT IN ANCHORAGE, AND VISAS FOR CREW ON TWO TRIAL FLIGHTS TO BE ISSUED IN PEKING IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE IN TOKYO AND PARIS. ALSO REQUESTED AIRPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATION DATA; INFORMATION ON FOUR ALTERNATE AIRPORTS; VARIOUS GROUND SERVICES INCLUDING FUEL; TRAFFIC CONTROL AND WEATHER REPORTS DURING FLIGHTS; SECURITY OF PLANES DURING FLIGHTS AND WHILE ON THE GROUND.

2. FOR TOKYO: PLEASE INFORM FONOFF ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A) WE APPRECIATE INFO THEY PROVIDED US, WHICH WAS FIRST INDICATION WE HAD OF INTENDED FLIGHTS.

B) CHINESE HAVE NOW INFORMED US OF THE THREE FLIGHTS LISTED ABOVE. NOTE THAT CHINESE HAVE NOT SPECIFIED ROUTING OF APRIL 6 FLIGHT.

C) WE INTEND GRANT PERMISSION FOR THESE FLIGHTS, AND ARE PROPOSING TO CHINESE THAT USG ESCORT BOARD FIRST TRIAL FLIGHT IN TOKYO.

D) WE VERY MUCH HOPE TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY ABOUT THESE FLIGHTS, AND
HOPE GOJ WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO PREVENT PUBLICITY ON U.S. FLIGHTS. (FYI, WE ASSUME GOJ WILL ALSO HAVE IN MIND PRC SENSITIVITY TO PUBLICITY ORIGINATING IN JAPAN ABOUT U.S. FLIGHTS.)

3. FOR USLO: NSC PLANS TO RESPOND TO PRCLO MARCH 29 ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A) PERMISSION GRANTED FOR ALL THREE FLIGHTS.

B) IN ACCORDANCE STANDARD USG PROCEDURES FOR SUCH FLIGHTS, WE ARE ARRANGING FOR USG ESCORT CREWS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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JOIN TRIAL FLIGHTS IN TOKYO AND PARIS, AND THEY WILL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION ON ROUTES, COMMUNICATIONS, NAVIGATIONAL MATTERS, ETC.

C) WE HAVE AUTHORIZED USLO ISSUE VISAS (SEE BELOW).

D) WE ARE MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH CERTAIN US AIRLINES FOR GROUND SERVICES.

E) WE WILL MAKE NECESSARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

4. VISAS FOUR. USLO IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE INDIVIDUAL D RPT D VISAS (WITH A 212D(3)(A) WAIVER) TO THE CREW MEMBERS VALID FOR 3 MONTHS FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES. NO FEE SHOULD BE CHARGED. FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF VISAS, USLO SHOULD SUBMIT CREW NAMES AND OTHER PERTINENT BIO DATA TELEGRAPHICALLY USING STANDARD VISAS EAGLE FORMAT ENDING WITH CHIPMUNK. (PRCLO PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFO ONLY: FOR FIRST TRIAL FLIGHT, TOTAL 20, APPARENTLY INCLUDING CAPTAIN LIU CHUNG-FU. FOR SECOND TRIAL FLIGHT, TOTAL 18, APPARENTLY INCLUDING CAPTAIN CHU YEN-SHAO.)

5. USLO SHOULD INFORM MFA THAT USG IS GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THREE FLIGHTS, THAT YOU ARE AUTHORIZED ISSUE VISAS FOR CREWS ON TWO TRIAL FLIGHTS, AND THAT NSC WILL BE RESPONDING TO PRCLO ABOUT OTHER RELATED MATTERS. YOU SHOULD AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO DISCUSSING OTHER MATTERS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

6. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD INFORM PRC MISSION THAT USG IS GRANTING PERMISSION FOR THE THREE FLIGHTS, THAT USLO HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS, AND THAT NSC WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH PRCLO ON VARIOUS DETAILS. YOU SHOULD AVOID GETTING DRAWN INTO OTHER MATTERS.

7. FOR PARIS: NO ACTION REQUIRED AT PRESENT. WILL ADVISE IF EMBASSY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.
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